

House Resolution No. 3828

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, William F. McClure proudly took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Donna G. Gray, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed by the Reverend Crike on Saturday, June 12, 1954, at the Assembly of God Church of Aurora; and

Whereas, five decades later, Mr. and Mrs. William McClure quietly observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a card shower sponsored by their family members, friends, and other well-wishers; and

Whereas, operators of Alexander's Café in downtown Aurora at the time of their marriage, William and Donna McClure have owned several restaurants down through the years, including McClures Farm House Restaurant on Highway 60 in Aurora, Plantation Restaurant and McClure's Plantation Restaurant in Springfield, the Hotel Restaurant in Aurora, and McClure's Plantation in Aurora and Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, William and Donna McClure purchased the Masonic Temple in Aurora and completely renovated the interior to accommodate Lion's Club meetings, special occasions, and class reunions; owned thirty-three other Aurora buildings at one time; and renovated forty-five homes to sell to first-time home owners; and

Whereas, the McClures also owned twelve farms on which Donna did all of the farming, including raising one hundred sixty-four cows and cutting all of the hay; and

Whereas, William McClure has been involved with Aurora and Mount Vernon Chambers of Commerce, the OACK Community Action Group which he served as president, the Office on Aging in Aurora which he served on the Board, and the Lawrence County Bank in Mount Vernon which he served on its Board; and

Whereas, longtime members of First Baptist Church in Aurora, William and Donna McClure's latest entrepreneurial venture was the purchase a few years ago of what was known as "The Poor House Farm" and the renovation of the property as a private residence:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, successful, and ongoing marriage of William and Donna McClure and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of William and Donna McClure of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3828, adopted August 16, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker